

GENERAL FOREIGN NEWS.

MATTERS PERTAINING TO MANY LANDS.

MR. GLADSTONE'S HEALTH—THE OPENING OF PARLIAMENT—ENGLISH POLITICS—PRECAUTIONS AGAINST FLOODS—NOTES OF INTEREST.

The London cable letter to The Tribune says that the report that Mr. Gladstone is to return to England from France in time for the opening of Parliament is premature. The Tories have been doing much political talking during the week. Mr. Chamberlain also delivered a counterblast to Lord Hartington's recent declaration against further concessions to the Irish. Large portions of the facing stone of the exterior of Westminster Abbey have been destroyed by the action of the weather. John Richard Green, the historian, is seriously ill. Chief Justice Coleridge will visit New-York next summer.

TOPICS AT THE BRITISH CAPITAL.

(BY CABLE TO THE TRIBUNE.)

LONDON, Feb. 3.—The positive assertions of the London newspapers that Mr. Gladstone will return to London before Parliament opens are premature. Nothing had been settled on Wednesday when these reports first appeared, although the probability then was that he would return. Mr. Gladstone himself strongly desires to be present at the opening of Parliament. He believes that his health is perfectly restored, and has no dread of the journey North. His family, though averse to postponing his return till Easter, hope to delay his departure a week or two. The issuing of invitations to the usual Parliamentary dinner signifies nothing. The dinner will be given whether Mr. Gladstone be present or not.

THE THRONE AND THE PREMIER.

The Queen returns to Windsor two days before the session begins, but still declines to open Parliament in person. She seems to be unaware that she is adding to the popularity of the Government by her repeated exhibitions of want of sympathy with Mr. Gladstone, or with the cause of Liberalism, to which her refusal is universally attributed.

The Prince of Wales's visit to Cannes has occasioned much speculation and some gossip, but his friends say that he had no object beyond relaxation. He went quietly and lives quietly, seeing something of Mr. Gladstone, with whom he has always been on excellent terms, exchanging visits with numerous Royal personages who happen to be living in Cannes, and meeting other celebrities. He died on Thursday with Mrs. Chamberlain and her daughter. Miss Chamberlain was last season's American beauty.

THE ORLEANS PRINCES.

An interesting account from Cannes, published in The Daily News, describes the Comte de Paris as determined to persevere in maintaining an attitude of dignified reserve and not to emerge from privacy pending the decision of both Chambers of the Legislature on the Proscription bill. The Comte de Paris usually regrets the turn affairs have taken. He declares that in America a similar law could not have been proposed by any possibility. He professes to esteem the cause of republicanism as it is illustrated in the United States.

A COUNTERBLAST FROM MR. CHAMBERLAIN.

There has been much political speaking during the week, especially from the Tories, but no new light has been cast on the political situation, except by Mr. Chamberlain, who delivered a discourse in Swansea at a dinner given by the Liberal Association to Mr. Dillwyn, the excellent member for the Swansea boroughs. Mr. Chamberlain thinks that the coming session promises to be interesting, but not exciting, and repeats the well-known list of expected measures, including the Arrears question, which the Liberals expect the Government will clear off; but he concludes by what practically is an appeal to the Irish members to insist on having another Irish session. He says that it will be their fault if they do not obtain a hearing by insisting that the English are not entitled to recent Irish complaints till every Irish grievance has been removed. This speech is apparently intended as a counterblast to Lord Hartington's recent declaration against further concessions to the Irish. Lord Hartington's firm attitude evidently alarmed the Radical allies of the House of Commons, who have renewed the tactics of last session, attacking Lord Hartington and Mr. Forster, and disparaging the present Administration. The Daily News is reiterating the parrot cry that Ireland is entitled to be governed in accordance with Irish opinion. Radicals of this pattern are profoundly disconcerted by the revelations from Dublin. They belittle their importance, even throwing doubt on the credibility of the witnesses.

The Pall Mall Gazette goes so far as to jest, even sneering at the plots against Mr. Forster's life. Today's revelations respecting Lord Frederick Cavendish's murder and the convictions that are expected, may presently modify the Radical and Irish plans.

CONSERVATIVE LEADERS.

The prospects of the session are rendered more uncertain by reports in regard to Sir Stafford Northcote's health, which is represented as permanently impaired. Lord Randolph Churchill possibly will be unable to take an active part in the proceedings. If he be absent, the Tories will lose both their regular leaders without having any prospect of efficiently replacing either.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY.

The leading monthlies contain articles on Gambetta. The Fortnightly gives the best account, by a French friend, of Gambetta's political objects and methods, with interesting disclosures respecting his relations to the army and the church. The Contemporary publishes one fairly good notice and another by a German writer, vindictive and inaccurate.

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THE DORÉ CONTROVERSY.

Doré continues to occupy English attention. Intimate friends, like Mr. Sala, think he has been harshly treated here, while Frenchmen are astonished that anybody should still admire Doré's paintings. The Athenaeum, though admitting that he vulgarized his genius and degraded and ultimately ruined his art by misuse, insists that he produced countless precious designs. The Spectator declares that out of 50,000 designs Doré left not one beautiful picture. It is reported that Mr. Blanchard Jerrold intends to publish, besides an elaborate biography of Doré, the Shakespeare which he partly illustrated and left unfinished.

LITERARY NOTES.

The Athenaeum says that a volume has been written containing a detailed account of the quarrel of the British author with the British publisher, but that no publisher has been found.

THE BOOKS OF THE WEEK.

The books of the week are unimportant. Two volumes of Paterson's reprint of the first folio Shakespeare, with French etchings, have appeared. It is a curious, hybrid specimen of bookmaking.

ART ELECTIONS.

The Royal Academy has filled its ranks by the election of Macbeth and Gregory as associates. The former is a popular landscape painter of varied and genuine power. The latter is known only for portraits materialistic treatment. Both are young, both are outside the usual range of Academic honors; their choice is, therefore, all the more creditable.

AN HISTORIAN VERY ILL.

John Richard Green, the historian, has been known for some time to be seriously ill, and now he is privately reported as unlikely to live many days. His physicians say that he has a complication of incurable maladies. Several of his intimate friends left London Thursday for a farewell visit.

I have authority for saying that Lord Chief Justice Coleridge will accept an invitation from the New-York Bar Association this summer, his health permitting.

Miss Dickens, a granddaughter of the novelist, began her engagement this week at the Princess's Theatre, playing a minor part in "The Silver King."

DISASTERS ON THE OCEAN.

LONDON, Feb. 3.—The London and Southwestern Railway steamer Hilda, plying between the Island of Jersey and Southampton, ran into and sank a French ship, the name of which is unknown. The cargo of the British steamer Knight Templar, Captain Johnson, at Southampton from Charleston, has been on fire. The vessel was not injured by the fire.

Philadelphia, Feb. 3.—A cable dispatch from London, dated this morning, and referring to a report that the British steamer James Gray had foundered at sea, says: "The ship of the captain of the James Gray and pieces of the wreck of that vessel have been picked up."

GUARDING AGAINST ASSASSINATION.

LONDON, Feb. 3.—A telegram recently prepared by the Vienna correspondent of a British journal, in which it was stated that a thorough Irish lawless sort of search had been made in the cellars and drains of the Hofburg Palace, was refused transmission by the Austrian authorities. The Berlin correspondent of The Times says he hears that the statement regarding the search is true.

RUSSIAN AFFAIRS.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 3.—The Court Ball at the Winter Palace on Wednesday night was the most brilliant affair of the kind seen for many years. Invitations were issued to the number of 2,500, and tickets of entry to the palace were distributed as a precaution against the intrusion of persons having evil intentions. At the supper the Emperor walked around the tables and paid attentions to his guests. It is officially announced that M. de Giers has resumed the Foreign Ministry.

The trials of sixty nihilists and Socialists, it is reported, will occur during the next two months. Berlin, Feb. 3.—It is stated here that the Czar has ordered his coronation manifesto to be ready for his signature on February 26.

The National Zeitung publishes a letter from a political prisoner in Siberia detailing the sufferings of prisoners in a province beyond Lake Baikal, who are reduced to a state of starvation. The director of the prison, on being reasoned with, exclaimed: "that it did not matter if the prisoners died of starvation."

THE FRENCH EXPULSION BILL.

PARIS, Feb. 3.—The Senate has decided that the Committee on the Government Expulsion bill should be elected on Monday. The Right advanced Monday and the Left Thursday. The Left Centre have pronounced against the bill, but they will accept a compromise rendering the measure impersonal and general, and not directed against particular persons.

During the removal of Prince Jerome to Autun, a strong guard was placed to prevent his escape. No visitors are allowed to enter the city where he is placed. It is stated that the Prince has become very dejected.

ILLNESS OF TWO KINGS AND A PRINCE.

Berlin, Feb. 3.—Prince Bismarck's illness, although not dangerous, is attended with much pain, and will continue him to his room for several weeks. The Emperor William's health has considerably improved since yesterday.

EDWIN BOOTH IN GERMANY.

Berlin, Feb. 3.—Edwin Booth appeared here tonight as Jago. The house was crowded, and he was recalled after every scene.

THE RIGHT HON. THOMAS E. TAYLOR, M. P. LONDON, Feb. 3.—The Right Hon. Thomas Edward Taylor, member of Parliament for the County of Dublin, is dead.

Colonel Taylor was the eldest son of the Rev. Edward Taylor, brother of the first Marquis of Headfort. He was born in 1812. He was some time a magistrate and deputy lieutenant of County Meath and lieutenant colonel of the Meath Militia. He was also for some time a captain in the Dragoon Guards. In 1854 and 1859 he was a Lord of the Treasury, from 1860 to 1865 he was Parliamentary secretary to the Treasury, and during the last two months of 1868 he was Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster. He was a Conservative and had been in Parliament since 1851.

MATTERS IN CANADA.

TORONTO, Feb. 3.—The Hall extradition case, which has been before the Canadian courts for nearly two years, terminated to-day in his departure for New York. At 3:30 p. m. train, in company with two American detectives.

The Government has decided to hold the general elections for the Ontario Legislature on February 27. The city of Quebec, including Capetown and Thetford, will leave here for Havana on February 6.

FOREIGN NOTES.

LONDON, Saturday, Feb. 3, 1883. Lady St. Leonard has obtained a decree of judicial separation against Lord St. Leonard, on the ground of adultery.

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